



**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
**4th Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 31, 2021 – 10:45 a.m.**

**Theme: Come and See – Seeing in the Dark**

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ: ***We exist to Love people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.***

**TODAY:** If you're doing your worship in a quiet personal setting with this bulletin, then let's worship on as the people of God on the 1st Sunday after Epiphany. Welcome to This "at home" personal worship bulletin. Maybe, you'd like to light a candle as you worship with this bulletin...especially if you have gathered your family with you.

**ZOOM Link for morning worship at Trinity UCC:  
10:30 a.m. for informal gathering**

**10:45 a.m. Worship begins**  
**Topic: Sunday Morning Worship -- Trinity UCC, Manchester, MD**  
**Time: Jan 31, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**  
**Every week on Sun, until Feb 14, 2021, 3 occurrence(s)**

**Jan 31, 2021 10:30 AM**  
**Feb 7, 2021 10:30 AM**  
**Feb 14, 2021 10:30 AM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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## **WE GATHER**

*During this worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that you have created a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that this is a **Safe and Loving Place**, a **“Sanctuary”** for worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that **‘No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey, You are Welcome Here!***

**Welcome and Announcements     Pastor Hanberry**

### **Theme Interpretation:**

- **Song** “Go Light Your World” Kathy Troccoli
- <https://youtu.be/yJ6EamTF05s>
- **Opening Words** -- Pastor Gerry

### **Call to Worship --**

Leader: Friends in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

**ALL: We bring hope for health and wholeness.**

Leader: What afflictions do you bring to worship?

**ALL: From illness and injury: surgeries, treatments...**

Leader: Emotional pain?

**ALL: From sad and scary life situations, sometimes in the darkness of our lives.**

Leader: Mental pain?

**ALL: From depression, anxiety and panic, and hopelessness.**

Leader: With all of these afflictions, it’s a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

**ALL: But where else would we be? We yearn to know**

**God’s powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible: in the dark of night and the light of day.**

Leader: In today’s gospel, a person with an *“afflicting spirit”* \* interrupts Jesus

**ALL: And Jesus sets the person free.**

Leader: And where does the miracle of this story and our stories begin?

**ALL: When we bring all of who we are—Hopeful, afflicted, bold—into relationship with the Divine.**

Leader: So, come, let us enter this sanctuary of virtual dimensions with our whole selves

**ALL: Hopeful, afflicted, and bold—**

Leader: Come, let us worship!

**Hymn:** Silence! Frenzied Unclean Spirit pg 176

<https://youtu.be/NmH580KZhoU> (hit CC box for captions)

Cammeron Williams, Director of Music

### **Prayer of Renewal - Pastor Gerry**

#### **WE ENGAGE WITH THE CHILDREN**

You know the names of our children. Indeed, I SEE YOU: Adriana and Mason Alex, Elijah, Gavin and Lexi, Lane, Laci, Lily, Livi, O’Neil & Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin & Nick and Elizabeth. As well as Sam and Jasmine, children of Cammeron Williams. who would normally gather with Pastor Gerry for a time of conversation. Stop and think of each one of them and smile and find delight in them.

#### **WE PROCLAIM**

**Scripture Readings:** Mark 1:21-28 (The Man with an Unclean Spirit)

**Sermon:** “” Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music:** The Light Will Come

<https://youtu.be/KXH6fBKC7JA>

TUCC Choir directed by Cammeron Williams

**Joys and Concerns – Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Invitation to Offering

**Offertory:** *Please remember to send in your offering by mail, or give to our on-line giving button on the website (<https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>).*

### Doxology as a Reading

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Prayer of Dedication

#### WE GO FORTH

### Benediction

**Worship Notes and Resources:** The liturgy for today is adapted by Pastor Hanberry from various sources of Progressive Church liturgy materials.

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

### Worship Leadership

Gerry C. Hanberry	Interim Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Pat Hanberry	Lay Reader
Pat Hanberry	Zoom Associate
MB Brainerd	Worship Committee
Deb Persinger	
Sandy Sanders	

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT MEETING IN THE CHURCH FACILITIES, WE WILL GIVE YOU NEWS (normally posted in our monthly Newsletter) IN THIS EXTENDED SECTION OF THE BULLETIN...(for the time being we will not publish a regular monthly newsletter).

### Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: General: \$890.00

Building Fund: \$100.00 Attendance: 26 by zoom

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need.

### Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin and Weekly Newsletter – Wednesday

### Meeting Dates Zoom

Racial Justice Group – Mon. Feb. 1 @ 7 pm

Pastoral Search Committee – TBA

Choir – Thurs., Feb. 4 @ 7 pm

Lenten Study – Sermon on the Mount -- Wed Feb. 10 @ 7 pm

Worship Committee – Thurs., Feb TBA @ 6 pm

### Worship at Trinity UCC via ZOOM.com for the Next Five Weeks:

### The Season of Epiphany – 2021

“Come and See: Seeing in the Dark”

A Five-Sunday Sermon Series about Living In Dark Days and Nights of Our Lives

For some people today, even those who profess Christ and seek to follow Jesus, the 'Dark' is an enemy, an ever-challenging space to encounter.

The profound, encouraging, and challenging words of the Psalmist in Psalms 139:12

*("...even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.")*

can both invite us to open ourselves to god's light when we are afraid in the dark and 'smack' us gently to awaken our spiritual gifts and resources that allow us to see God's 'safety-net' in the night.

This five-sermon series will challenge and inspire us to "Come and See God;" to allow God to soothe our fears in the darkness; and to discover how the light can add brilliance and vitality to our lives. -- Pastor Gerry Hanberry

### **February 7, 2021 -- The Epiphany Season:**

#### **"Come and See – Seeing in the Dark"**

Theme: The Dark Night of the Soul

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31 & Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: "Jesus Praying in the Dark"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

### **February 14, 2021 -- The Epiphany Season:**

#### **"Come and See – Seeing in the Dark"**

Theme: Working With Darkness --Transformed by the Lightness and the Darkness

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 & Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: "What I Learned from the Dark"



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### **Food Bag Contributions**

The Trinity "Food Bags for Backpacks" program with Manchester Elementary School has restarted. Since it will be very difficult to have a written sign-up sheet each month, we are asking that anyone wishing to contribute to this project helps with a monetary gift. If you send a check, please write "Food Bags" on the memo line.